

English-taught **Bachelor's programmes**

2020-2021



change perspective

Radboud University

Nijmegen, the Netherlands





Studying at Radboud University

Starting university is an exciting and challenging time. Choosing to study in a new country can reinforce these feelings and challenges. At Radboud University, we recognise the needs of international students and will make sure your time at our university will create some of the most memorable moments of your life. Furthermore, the Netherlands provides the ideal environment for international students to explore.

Located in the heart of Europe, the Netherlands is a diverse country where you will find yourself immersed among people from different cultures and nationalities. About 85 percent of Dutch people in the Netherlands speak good English besides Dutch and often they even speak another language. Therefore, you will always find a helping hand.

Nijmegen, a student-friendly city

Nijmegen, the oldest city in the Netherlands, is a modern and lively student city. Students appreciate the city's attractive, green surroundings and its many venues for relaxation and entertainment. The cultural centre LUX is the largest art house cinema in the Netherlands and also offers theatre, music, debate, and multimedia. Situated close to the German border, Nijmegen lies on the banks of the river Waal, a branch of the river Rhine. It is a friendly and safe place to live and study.

And when you want to take a weekend getaway between your studies, Nijmegen is very well connected with the main cities in the Netherlands and around Europe. Amsterdam is only 90 minutes away, and if you like, you can also take the train and quickly zip to Paris, London or Berlin for the weekend.

www.intonijmegen.com

Best Traditional University in the Netherlands

Radboud University is in the top one percent of universities in the world and was voted Best Traditional University in the Netherlands seven times between 2012 and 2017 and again in 2019. The reason why? The quality of our education, the guidance provided by our teachers and professors, and our study facilities.

As another example of excellence, the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to a professor and a PhD student connected to Radboud University. These are some of the reasons why an increasing number of students and scientists from around the world choose to study and work in Nijmegen.

The University is constantly strengthening the international character of its programmes. The diverse backgrounds of those who study and teach at the University support our common objective: to achieve the highest possible quality in education and research.

Beautiful campus

Our campus is considered to be the most forested and beautiful in the Netherlands. All faculties, libraries, restaurants, café and park areas can be also found around our campus. Additionally, we have the 'best University Sports Centre in the world' according to an international student poll. The sports centre offers over eighty sports for just over €100 per year.

www.ru.nl/sportscentre

Student life

Living and studying in another country is exciting and fun, but also brings its challenges. It is therefore important that you keep a few things in mind before you start your studies at Radboud University. Being part of a social network is not only fun, it also helps you to feel at home more quickly and gives you support when you need it. We therefore highly recommend that you join our orientation programme, which is organised just before your course starts. By participating in the orientation, you will not only quickly get to know both Nijmegen and Radboud University, you will also make new friends from all around the world at the same time!

Pre-arrival services

Radboud University provides a special pre-arrival service, including assistance with visa, housing and social activities for international students who enrol in an English-taught Bachelor's programme.

Orientation and social activities

Expect a warm welcome during the orientation! You will get to know the city, the University and your fellow students. You will also receive tips about Dutch student life.

Throughout the year, Radboud University, the student chaplaincy and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Nijmegen organise excursions, social activities and parties.

www.ru.nl/orientation

How to feel at home quickly

- Join the Radboud Orientation Week
- Join one of the (programme-related) study associations and meet like-minded people
- Follow a (free) course in social Dutch at the Radboud Language Centre
- Join the ESN network Nijmegen activities organised by and for international students
- Join the Radboud International Students (RIS) activities and like their facebook page
- Work out individually or in groups at the Radboud Sports Centre. For just over €100 per year you can join the best university sports centre in the world, 7 days a week

www.ru.nl/socialactivities

Student support

Most international students consider the amount they need to study and the pace of the courses quite high in the Netherlands. Our teaching staff will tell you what to learn and which assignment you need to do, but organising your time effectively and developing adequate strategies to cover the necessary material quickly and competently requires a large degree of self-reliance and confidence. For those students who are fairly self-reliant but can do with a little extra help, some workshops and self-help courses are offered.

www.ru.nl/fit-to-study

Grading system

The grading system in the Netherlands may be different from what you are used to. The grading system is on a scale of 1 to 10, where a 6 is regarded as sufficient. Marks higher than an 8 are unusual.

Academic year & semesters

The Dutch academic year is divided into two semesters.

First semester: September to January

Second semester: February to July

Deadlines

EU/EEA students: 1 May 2020

Non EU/EEA students: 1 April 2020

Numerus Fixus programmes: 15 January 2020

Practical and financial matters



When planning your stay in Nijmegen, it is important that you are well prepared and that you take a few things into account.

Accommodation

Radboud University does its best to mediate in student housing for international students who come to Nijmegen for a Bachelor's programme, provided you apply before the deadline. Most student rooms are close to the University and can easily be reached by bus or bicycle. Room contracts are for one year (first year of study) and rooms are furnished. In most cases you need to provide your own bedding and towels. A furnished room with shared facilities will cost you between €375 and €550 per calendar month.

www.ru.nl/housing

Visa and residence permit

Non-EU/EEA students need a visa and/or residence permit. Radboud University will apply for a visa and/or residence permit on your behalf after you have been admitted to a Bachelor's programme.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/visa

Insurances

When living and studying in the Netherlands, it is important to make sure that you take out appropriate health, liability and travel insurance. Most EU students will be able to get an EHIC health card in their home country before coming to the Netherlands. This will give you very limited cover however, and will only cover you for a limited period of time. We therefore strongly advise all EU students, as well as other international students to take out private insurance when living in the Netherlands. For those students who need a residence permit to study in the Netherlands, taking out insurance will be part of the visa and residence permit procedure.

www.ru.nl/insurances

Working as a student

Even though all students are allowed to work in the Netherlands, we would advise you not to rely on finding a job in the Netherlands as a way of funding your life and studies. All our study programmes are intensive, so you need to dive straight in and get started. This is the best way to keep up and to finish successfully. And that way you will also have time left to enjoy your new life, to explore your new environment and to join in social activities.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/studentjobs

Work permit non-EU/EEA students

If you are a non-EU/EEA student and you do want to find a part-time job, you should bear in mind that you need a work permit that allows you to work for a maximum of sixteen hours per week. When you find a job, your employer needs to apply for this work permit.

www.ru.nl/working-as-student

Cost of living and tuition fees

Apart from tuition fees, you should be aware that studying in the Netherlands involves other costs as well. As everyone's spending habits are different, it is not easy to predict exactly how much money you will need for your stay in the Netherlands. In the diagrams on page 5 you can find an estimation of the costs for one academic year.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/studentbudget



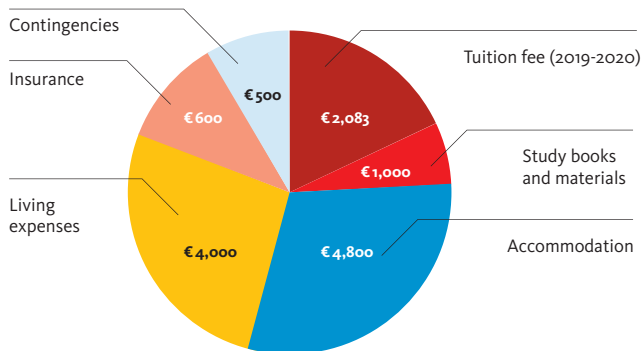
Rankings and awards

- Best Traditional University in the Netherlands for six consecutive years between 2012 and 2017 and again in 2019, according to student information guide 'Keuzegids universiteiten'
- Nobel Prize for Physics awarded to two professors connected to Radboud University in 2010
- 24 in THE Europe Teaching Ranking 2019
- 123 in the Times Higher Education Rankings 2018
- 204 in the QS World University Rankings 2016
- 115 in the ARWU / Shanghai Rankings 2018

For more information on rankings and awards:
www.ru.nl/masters/rankings

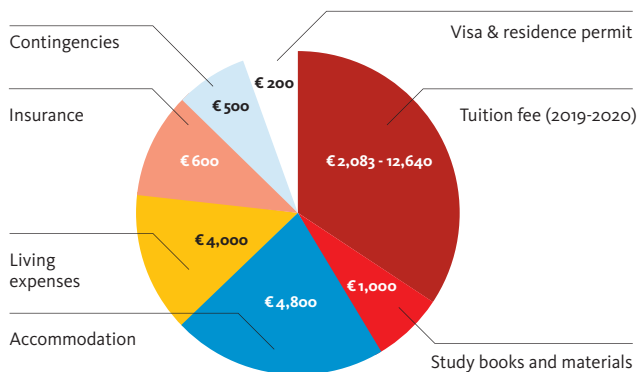
Cost of living and tuition fees

EU/EEA student



Total: €12,678

Non-EU/EEA student



Total: €12,878 - 23,440

Governmental student finance

If you are under 30 years of age and hold citizenship of an EU/EEA country (or Switzerland), you can apply for a tuition fee loan. EU/EEA students with a job might also qualify for an extra student loan from the Dutch government. To be entitled to this extra loan, you need to work for a minimum of fourteen hours per week (56 hours a month) in the Netherlands (in addition to your studies). If you are entitled to receive the student loan from the Dutch government, you may receive up to € 1,000 per month, in addition to your salary. After graduation, you will need to pay back the loan. In order to determine how much you need to pay back each month, the Dutch government will take your financial situation (such as income) into account.

www.duo.nl

If you would like to study at Radboud University, it is important to start your application on time.

Admission and Application

Your previous education needs to be sufficient in order to be allowed to start your studies at Radboud University. For many students this means having a high school diploma, for others it means having studied for one or more year(s) at a university. Some Bachelor's programmes also have specific admission requirements to be admissible, such as a certain level of mathematics. Please check the programme-specific web pages of the programme you are interested in for the most up-to-date admission requirements.

Deadlines

Non-EU/EEA students have to submit their application documents before 1 April 2020. Applications made by non-EU/EEA students after 1 April will not be considered and will be cancelled.

EU/EEA students can apply until 1 July 2020, but are advised to submit their application documents before 1 May 2020 if they would like to apply for assistance in finding accommodation. Applications made after 1 July will not be considered and will be cancelled.

Earlier deadline for Numerus Fixus programmes

Radboud University values small-scale and interactive education. That's why we have a fixed number of study places (numerus fixus) for the Bachelor's programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Biology and Psychology. A selection procedure therefore applies for these programmes.

The application deadline for the Bachelor's programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Biology and Psychology is 15 January 2020 for all students. This applies to EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA students equally. For information on the selection procedure, please visit:

www.ru.nl/selectionandplacement

Application procedure

Students for all programmes need to take the following steps in their application procedure:

1. Submitting an enrolment request in Studielink

All Dutch universities use the same national online application system: Studielink. Applications can be submitted in Dutch, English or German. Please visit the programme-specific web page of your chosen programme for more information and instructions on how to apply.

www.studielink.nl

2. Uploading documents to Osiris Application

After you have finished your application in Studielink, you will receive an email with login details to the Radboud online application portal Osiris Application. In order to determine your admissibility, you will need to upload several documents to Osiris. Again, more information on this can be found on the programme-specific web pages.

Binding Study Advice

After the first year of your studies, you will receive a 'Binding Study Advice' (BSA). This will determine whether you are allowed to progress to the second year of your study programme.

You will only receive a positive BSA if you have accumulated a minimum of 42 or 45 ECTS credits out of the total 60 ECTS credits in your first year. The exact minimum number depends on your study programme. ECTS is the European Credit Transfer System for study programmes. In this system 1 ECTS credit equals 28 hours of studying in the Netherlands.

Failure to meet the minimum ECTS score in your first year will result in a negative BSA, which means that you will have to discontinue your studies and will not be allowed to enrol in the same study programme again within the next three years.

During your first year, student counsellors and lecturers will be on hand to help and support you in your studies and to ensure that you make sufficient study progress.

Bachelor's programmes

Arts and Culture Studies (BA)

Arts and Culture Studies (ACS) focuses on art in its various forms: fine arts, literature, music, theatre and film, as well as digital media and popular culture. Our approach is interdisciplinary, comparative and multi-medial: you will not only analyse art forms in and by themselves, but you will also learn to compare and contrast them. We invite you to explore art and culture from a number of theoretical, historical, political and social perspectives, incorporating European, North American and global views on culture.

Characteristics of the programme

- Apply acquired knowledge in real life through guest lectures, cultural excursions, art exhibitions and other cultural events.
- An international staff of leading researchers in the humanities will train you.
- You will engage in a variety of research projects conducted by yourself and in groups.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/acs

Comparative European History (BA)

Comparative European History (CEH) is an interdisciplinary Bachelor's programme that teaches European history from a comparative and issue-driven perspective. The programme focuses on a series of fundamental socio-economic, demographic, political and cultural topics that are of great relevance for societies today, such as migration, identity, frontiers, inclusion and/or persecution of minorities, religious fundamentalism, and societal responses to major crises such as disease control.

The comparative approach of the programme offers an opportunity to study historical processes, both within Europe and beyond, that reveal both unique historical developments as well as general patterns of human behaviour and problem resolution.

Characteristics of the programme

- The only Bachelor's programme in comparative history in Europe.
- If your native language is French, German or Italian, you may also write your BA thesis in these languages instead of English.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/comparative-history

English Language and Culture/American Studies (BA)

English language and culture are all around us: in the news, in popular media and in our business world. This programme invites you to dive deeply into British or American culture and history, to understand how these societies have developed and where they might be headed. At the same time, the programme emphasises learning to speak and write English at a high professional level. In this way, it combines in-depth learning of the English language with profound insights into British or North American society.

The programme is divided into two specialisations: (British) English Language and Culture, and American Studies.

When you enrol as a student, you choose one of these two specialisations.

Characteristics of the programme

- Combining language, culture, society, history and politics.
- Full immersion in English, with careful attention to gaining professional fluency.
- A choice between specialising in British or North American society

www.ru.nl/bachelors/english or
www.ru.nl/bachelors/americanstudies



International Business Communication (BA)

In this programme, you will combine the study of a foreign language (English, French, German or Spanish) with the study of communication processes in organisations.

You will gain insights into the use of communication tools and organisations. In three years' time, you will also master one of the languages of your choice and increase your proficiency. You'll also learn about the countries in which your foreign language is spoken by working on projects that address common challenges in international business communication. For example, by organising the promotion of an international trade fair or designing an advertising campaign in a foreign language.

Characteristics of the programme

- Strong focus on intercultural communication and multilingualism.
- Theory and practice are combined (i.e. case studies, internship).
- You will be encouraged to spend a semester abroad.
- You will receive an effective preparation for the labour market.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/ibc

Business Administration (BSc)

If you have ever been abroad, you will probably have discovered that life in another country can be very different from life at home, but you might have seen similarities too. Clearly, companies do not always limit their operations to their home country and brands can be successful in different places. Still, it might not be easy to succeed in other countries and it is important to be aware of cultural differences.

Our programme in Business Administration includes courses which help you to identify, understand and deal with those differences, as well as focus on the various aspects of Business Administration. You will do this through courses such as strategy, marketing, organisational structures, accounting and cross-cultural management. At the end of the first year you will be able to choose one of our specialisations: Business Administration, Business Economics or International Business Administration (IBA).

Characteristics of the programme

- Wider range of perspectives than 'just' economics or IT.
- More focus on acquiring research skills than in other business programmes in the Netherlands.
- A personal approach to education and small-scale teaching.
- Six months of exchange or internship as optional or fixed part of the programme.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/business



Economics and Business Economics (BSc)

We are bombarded with the latest news on inflation, employment and the effects of trade relationships on welfare almost every day. Many of these factors affect company performances, the way society functions, and the way in which people spend their money. During this course you will learn to understand human decision-making and how this influences an organisation's financial position or a country's economy and how this relates to worldwide economic events. Economics can therefore be seen to include elements of psychology, sociology and law, which is why they are included in our Economics+ course at Radboud University.

At the end of your first year you will be able to choose from one of the specialisations: Business Economics, Financial Economics, International Economics and Business, or International Economics and Policy. We also have a dual degree programme, International Bachelor in Economics and Management, with the University of Victoria in Canada which allows you to obtain two degrees at the same time.

Characteristics of the programme

- Develop a broad perspective on economic problems: Economics+.
- Train to become a business economist with critical and analytical skills.
- Learn how to devise solid solutions to financial problems.
- A personal approach to education and small-scale teaching.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/economics

Biology (BSc)

Do you want to know how climate change affects biodiversity? Or how to improve diagnosis and treatment of human diseases? Are you fascinated by evolution, the human brain, genomics, microbiology and ecology? In the Bachelor's programme Biology, you will discover biology from every angle. The programme focusses on how you can put your knowledge into practice and you receive lots of personal attention. After the broad basis in the first 1.5 years, you can design your own profile. You can choose courses from learning trajectories within biology and medical biology.

Characteristics of the programme

- A challenging and broad curriculum with seven learning trajectories.
- Emphasis on Biology in Society.
- Education and research are linked, lectures by top scientists.
- Many practicals and contact hours, internship in the final year.
- Excellent and innovative research facilities.
- Active study association to meet fellow students, alumni, and lecturers.

Numerus fixus

Radboud University has a fixed number of study places (numerus fixus) for the Bachelor's programme in Biology. A selection procedure therefore applies. Apply in Studielink by 15 January 2020.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/biology

Molecular Life Sciences (BSc)

Stem cell therapy, personalised medicine and self-healing materials. These are just a few examples of new developments within the health sciences sector. In the Bachelor's programme Molecular Life Sciences, you will learn how knowledge of molecules, molecular properties, and molecular and cellular biology can improve therapies. You will learn to work at the interface of chemistry, biology, and medical sciences, with mathematics and physics as supporting subjects. As a graduate, you will be at the forefront, making important contributions to better therapies within the healthcare sector.

Characteristics of the programme

- A unique combination of chemical, biological, and medical sciences.
- Leading research in a constantly innovating field with advanced facilities and laboratories.
- Guidance from student advisors and tutors for programme-related and personal questions.
- Informal contact between students and lecturers.
- Lab courses and an internship provide you with extensive research experience.
- Possibility to switch to Chemistry after the first year, without any delay.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/mls

Chemistry (BSc)

Chemistry is all around us. It forms the basis of everything you use. In this Bachelor's programme, you will learn how to design molecules and materials in such a way that they contain the right properties. Societal issues play an increasingly important role in chemical research. Can you develop a gel that heals wounds but is also affordable? How do you create systems that can deliver a drug to specific cancer cells? Can you develop a chemical process that is carbon neutral? You will be challenged to solve these issues by conducting chemistry research together with scientists from various disciplines.

Characteristics of the programme

- A solid and broad scientific education in chemistry.
- Courses in chemistry, mathematics, physics, biology, and computing science.
- Strong emphasis on laboratory work.
- Advanced facilities, some unique in the world.
- Your own tutor during your first year for programme-related and personal questions.
- Informal contact between students and lecturers.
- Possibility to switch to Molecular Life Sciences after the first year, without any delay.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/chemistry



Computing Science (BSc)

Computing Science has dramatically changed our lives over the past decade. Can you imagine life without your smartphone, laptop or the Internet? Or without social media, Netflix, Spotify and online shopping? Just over twenty years ago, all of these things did not even exist! Computing Science will go on to change our society for the foreseeable future. You will obtain a broad and solid mathematical foundation that will allow you to deal with and shape the information technologies of the future.

Characteristics of the programme

- Best Computing Science programme in the Netherlands, according to Keuzegids 2019.
- Cyber security research at Radboud University is leading in the world.
- You will work at software company GiPHouse and experiment in the New Devices Lab.
- Go abroad to take part in a group project with the Community Outreach Project.
- Student advisors keep in close contact to guide you through the programme.
- Active study association to meet fellow students and to help you in your career orientation.
- Specialisations in Software and Data Science or Cyber Security in the 2nd and 3rd year.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/computingscience

Radboud facts 2018

• Student total	22,142
• Master's students	7,941
• Bachelor's students	14,201
• International students	2,558
• Bachelor's programmes	38 (of which 13 are English-taught)
• Master's programmes	60 (of which 62% is English-taught)
• Research Master's programmes	8
• Diplomas granted	5,485 (2,569 Bachelor's, 2,916 Master's)
• PhDs granted	390

Artificial Intelligence (BSc)

Are you interested in both human cognition and computing science? Would you like to unravel human intelligence and recreate it in smart computers and systems? Then our Bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence is the perfect fit for you!

Characteristics of the programme

- During your studies, you will combine the fields of computing science, mathematics, psychology, neuroscience, logic and linguistics.
- You can personalise your programme by means of elective courses, including courses from other faculties or universities.
- We have a close collaboration with several world-renowned research institutes, which are located on our campus, e.g. the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition & Behaviour.
- You will be educated by lecturers from these top institutes, who are working on cutting-edge research.
- Our student advisors, mentors and study association CognAC, are always on-hand to guide you.
- Excellent job opportunities: many of our students are hired even before graduating.

Numerus fixus

The Bachelor's programme in AI has a fixed number of 185 study places (numerus fixus). A selection procedure therefore applies. Apply in Studielink by 15 January 2020.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/ai



Psychology (BSc)

The field of psychology is exciting and constantly evolving. In our Bachelor's programme, you will study the behaviour, mind and emotions of humans. You will learn how the brain controls our behaviour and how we develop, from infancy to old age. You will also practice how to recognise and treat psychological disorders in children, adults and the elderly. Moreover, you will learn to understand how our environment influences the way we think, feel and act. Are you ready to embark on a programme that will change your beliefs about people, the world and your self-image?

Characteristics of the programme

- Nijmegen is the place for leading research in the areas of brain & cognition, language & communication, and children & parenting.
- Design your personal learning path, which is designed to fit in with your interests and preferred professional field.
- Challenging research projects in small groups: you will decide on the topic you wish to explore and on how you will conduct your research.

Numerus fixus

The Bachelor's programme in Psychology has a fixed number of 600 study places. A selection procedure therefore applies. Apply in Studielink by 15 January 2020

www.ru.nl/bachelors/psychology

“Studying culture is never boring. Nearly everything you see and touch is part of what you can investigate! We study what is happening right now, while it is happening. It is engaging, eye-opening and challenging. But more importantly, it is thought-provoking and lots of fun.”

Yumi Maes

Student of Cultural Studies



Philosophy, Politics and Society (BA)

Which political ideas will determine humanity's course in the 21st century? What are the conceptual roots of current debates on collective and individual identities? How to theorise our relation to the planet and its ecosystems? What is the place of science and scientific expertise in society?

You will learn more about these world-changing debates in the Bachelor's programme in Philosophy, Politics and Society. Motivated by the conviction that the biggest issues of the 21st century need philosophical clarification, we equip you with the methods and skills to change the world through ideas and concepts.

Characteristics of the programme

- The PPS Bachelor's programme is unique in the world.
- You tailor your curriculum to those global issues in which you are most interested.
- PPS explores the defining issues of the 21st century from a rich variety of theoretical perspectives.
- PPS is taught in small classes, with a strong focus on your personal development and participation.

www.ru.nl/bachelors/pps

Radboud University: *the gateway to Europe*



The Netherlands

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